The Malaria Research Centre is promoting alternative approaches for control of malaria in twelve projects. Under these projects mosquito control is being attempted through biological, environmental and personal protection methods.

Extensive field trials using biocides have also been undertaken to assess their efficacy and cost-effectiveness.

Forest Villages

568. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of forest villages and the population of tribal families residing in these villages, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the status of land in possession of tribal families; and

(c) the steps taken for extension of development schemes/benefits to tribal dwellers of forest villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Information to the extent available with the State Governments, is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Government of India has issued guidelines to all the State Governments to convert forest villages into revenue villages by conferring heritable but inalienable rights of land to the villagers to facilitate implementation of developmental schemes in such villages.

[*Translation*]

Memorandum from 'Aapsi Mitra Mandal' Shalimar Bagh, Delhi

4283. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum from 'Aapsi Mitra Mandal' of Shalimar Bagh, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have reported that they had received the Memorandum from the Aapsi Mitra Mandal of Shalimar Bagh. This memorandum/representation broadly mentioned about the following problems in AG Block, Shalimar Bagh:—

(1) Although the internal sewerage lines have been laid there is no proper outlet of sewage, thus leading to spread of polluted water.

(2) Although a storm water drain was laid, that is not functioning properly and is closed after some distance and so proper storm water drains should be laid.

(3) The condition of internal roads and lanes is very bad and needs improvement.

(4) All the 11 parks are in poor shape and need to be maintained properly.

(c) The Delhi Development Authority have reported that the scheme for providing outfall drains has been approved and the work is under process of finalisation. At present storm water is being discharged into the low-lying areas of Shalimar Bagh along the railway line and is finally discharged into the supplementary drain through culvert provided on the outer ring road. Work has been started for permanent outfall sewerage system and will be completed in two years.